



**Edgewood City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Horn called the Edgewood City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Council President Horn asked for a moment of silence, followed by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum, with four Councilmembers present. She announced that Councilmember Pierce gave advance notice of his absence, and she requested a motion to excuse his absence.

Councilmember Chotas made the motion to excuse Councilmember Pierce's absence; second by Council President Horn. The motion was approved (4/0).

Attendees:

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard Alan Horn, Council President Quorum
Chris Rader, Councilmember
Lee Chotas, Councilmember
Susan Lomas, Councilmember

Absent:

Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-Tem

Staff:

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
John Freeburg, Police Chief
Shannon Patterson, Police Dept. Chief of Staff
Drew Smith, City Attorney

Presentation

None.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

- November 17, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes
- November 23, 2020 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Meeks noted the following corrections in the November 17, 2020 Council meeting minutes:

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The motion was approved by a roll call vote (4/0).

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Pierce not Rader	Absent

Page 12 - In response to Councilmember Chotas, Attorney Smith said **allowing golf carts** it can be done by street designation. He can prepare an ordinance to authorize the program and then designate streets by resolution.

Councilmember Chotas made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with the corrections noted in the November 17, 2020 minutes; second by Council President Horn. The motion was approved (4/0).

b. Mutual Aid Agreements

- Orange County – Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2024.
- Sunrail Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement January 1, 2021 thru December 21, 2024.
- Municipal Inter-Local Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Air Agreement

Councilmember Chotas made the motion to approve the three Mutual Aid Agreements as presented; second by Councilmember Rader. The motion was approved (4/0).

Proposed Ordinances

None.

Public Hearings

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2020-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A SURCHARGE TO RECOUP CREDIT CARD SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Resolution 2020-06 in title only. He explained that the amendment is for the addition of a service charge as a convenience when paying the City with a credit card. Council President Horn asked if it was a set fee. City Attorney Smith said that he and City Clerk Meeks checked other municipal fees and there are different fees. Council President Horn said he thought the City's fee is higher. City Clerk Meeks explained that she, Chief Freeburg and PD Chief of Staff Shannon Patterson talked with Lindsey in accounting and she will begin tracking the fees and the expectation is the fee will be lowered.

Public Comments

None.

General Announcement

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT: Please take notice that the City of Edgewood, Florida, will hold a general election on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 for the purpose of electing two City Council Members. The two candidates with the highest number of votes are elected and will serve a three-year term. Qualifying begins on Monday, January 11, 2020 at 9 a.m., and ends Friday, January 15, 2021 at Noon, at the Office of the City Clerk, 405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida 32809.

Council President Horn announced the City's general election date, as well as the qualifying dates. City Clerk Meeks confirmed that Councilmembers Chotas and Pierce's terms are up.

Boards & Committees

None.

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Smith said that Council will be considering the rezoning of the Holden proposed planned development in January. He explained to Council this will be a quasi-judicial matter and can be discussed; however, Councilmembers need to remember who they talked to and what was discussed, as they need to reveal this information. He closed with wishing everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday.

Police Chief & City Clerk Reports

a. **Chief's Report**

Chief Freeburg announced that the Santa drive was successful and well received. He asked if there were any questions about his report; there were none.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Meeks gave no report.

Mayor & Council Reports

Mayor Dowless thanked the Chief, PD Chief of Staff Patterson, Deputy City Clerk Riffle and resident Jannie Drummond for all their work on the Santa parade. He noted Council President Horn's wife's jeep, which she decorated for the parade. Mayor Dowless said the toy drive was a success, and thanked the Chief for his involvement in the toy drive.

He said the roads are done except for Oakwater, and the sidewalks are completed too. Mayor Dowless noted that the City will no longer use the same contractor that they used for the sidewalk project. Council Member Lomas asked that in the future, contractors be made aware of City Ordinance regarding weekend work.

Mayor Dowless reported that the Gatlin/Holden realignment is a placeholder on the MetroPlan schedule. He said that there is also a chance that Holden will be 4-laned. He said 3-lanes would be more optional.

Councilmember Chotas had no report.

Council President Horn said he had no report; however, he said for future parades, maybe the City would think about a citywide luminary.

Councilmember Lomas had no report.

Councilmember Rader stated he had no report and then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion, *Council Member Chotas made the motion to adjourn; second by Councilmember Lomas.* The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.



Richard A Horn
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved in 1-19-2021 Council Meeting